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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached please find the following documents related to the above-referenced application:

- 1) Response to the Office Action mailed 04 December 2002 (34 pages)

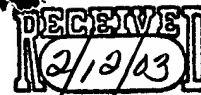
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For: **FAULT TOLERANCE FOR NETWORK ACCOUNTING ARCHITECTURE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 04 DECEMBER 2002

In response to the office action mailed 04 December 2002, Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C1 -- Data collection systems are used to collect information from network traffic flow on a network. These data collection systems are designed to capture one type of network traffic from one source type and deliver the data to one application type such as a billing application.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C2 -- The accounting process 14 enables users such as an Enterprise or an Internet Service Provider to maintain an existing accounting configuration. Information sources can include network traffic flow, RADIUS accounting data, RMON/RMON2 data, SNMP-based data, and other sources of network usage data. The accounting process 14 collects data via the flow data collection layer 18 from multiple disparate sources and produces a new type of composite records. These new composite records result in new information which provides a source for network accounting, billing, management, capacity planning, and so forth.--

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